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Hermon School Department

Hermon High School Interscholastic/Extra Curricular Performance Code
Effective April 7, 2014

Purpose

The purpose of interscholastic/extra curricular activities is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well being of the participants in the venue of school sanctioned activities. Participants, **advisors** and coaches are expected to display the ideals of **character**, sportsmanship and fair play during the course of competition.

Participants in the interscholastic/extra curricular programs represent both our school and community before, during and after competition and therefore must act as role models and adhere to academic and behavioral standards that have been established by school officials. A positive presence on the part of participants enhances the reputation of the interscholastic/extra curricular programs which in turn portrays both the school and town in a favorable manner. Whether we win or lose, it is to these ideals that we aspire.

Definition

Interscholastic/extra curricular activities include all programs outside of the academic course of studies and which have been sanctioned by the Hermon School Committee.

Academic Eligibility

1. **Students' grades will be reviewed after each ranking period.**
2. To be eligible to participate in **interscholastic / extra curricular** activities, students must receive a passing grade **(70% or higher)** in all of their classes at the end of each ranking period. Students not passing all of their classes at the end of a ranking period will be deemed academically ineligible to participate, resulting in dismissal from a team or activity. (The date of academic ineligibility would begin on the date the report card is issued.)
3. **Students who are failing ONE class with an average between a 60% - 69% (inclusive) will have the option to continue interscholastic / extra curricular participation with an academic and behavioral contract. Contracts will only be allotted ONCE per academic year. This contract will include the following:**

- a. **Bi-weekly check-ins with administration (athletic director, principal or assistant principal) at which time ALL academic classes will be reviewed.**

During each academic check if the student has failed to complete or turn in a formative assessment – in any of their classes, OR has a summative assessment score below a 70% - in any of their classes, he/she will be immediately deemed ineligible and removed from the interscholastic / extra curricular activity.

- b. **Throughout the term of the contract, if the student is referred to the office resulting in administrative discipline for, but not limited to, behavior such as disruption in class, inappropriate language, and inappropriate physical contact, the student will be immediately removed from the interscholastic / extra curricular activity.**

4. **Students who have failed more than one class or have failed one class with an average less than 60% will be deemed academically ineligible to participate, resulting in dismissal from the team or activity. The date of the academic ineligibility would begin on the date that the report card was issued. In order to regain eligibility the student must be passing all of his/her classes at the end of the next ranking period.**

Students who are academically ineligible may not take part in tryouts – with the exception of tryouts for the spring season.

In the event of extenuating circumstances, a final appeal regarding eligibility may be directed to the high school principal. Appeals denied by the high school principal may be directed to the superintendent. Appeals denied by the superintendent may be directed to the Hermon School Committee.

Behavioral Eligibility: Misconduct in School

Students who are under suspension from school will not be allowed to participate in any manner during suspension including suiting up, sitting on the bench or being present at the activity. Also, those people participating in interscholastic and extra curricular activities must show that they have good attendance and have a record of not being late and cutting classes. The principal will develop rules for tardiness and cutting classes as far as participation in our extra curricular and interscholastic program is concerned.

Prerequisites

Students will demonstrate that they have passed physical exams presented on the Hermon School Department physical exam form allowing them to participate in the sport or extra curricular activity under consideration. They will also have the appropriate health

insurance to cover them during the course of their participation. The insurance may come in the form of insurance policies provided by parents or an independent health insurance policy purchased through a local insurance agency (as provided by the school department). Students will also be responsible for other permission slips regarding transportation and early release from a game or practice.

Practices

The coaches and athletic director will have the authority to determine whether or not a player can participate in an extra curricular contest based upon his/her attendance at practice. The principal and the advisor of an extra curricular activity will have the same authority when it comes to students who participate in non-athletic activities.

Alcohol and Drugs

Students are required at all times to adhere to the Hermon High School Alcohol and Other Drug Interscholastic Activity Policy. Participation in interscholastic/extra curricular programs is subject to the requirements set out in that policy.

Behavioral Eligibility: Interscholastic and Extra Curricular Activities

Participation in an interscholastic or extra curricular activity is a privilege reserved for students who are committed to representing themselves, their activities, school and community in a favorable manner at all times. Students are expected to follow all rules or training guidelines developed by advisors and coaches. Violations of any rules or guidelines may result in suspension or removal from the team or activity.

Additionally, students who engage in gross misbehavior within or outside the school environment, which reflects negatively upon the individual, group, team, school or community will be removed from the activity for the remainder of the season (interscholastic) or semester (extra curricular) after which the principal, athletic director and/or activity supervisor will determine behavioral eligibility for other interscholastic and extra curricular activities for the remainder of the school year. (Gross misbehavior includes but is not limited to any behavior which may be reported as: criminal trespass, vandalism, theft, threatening, possession of a weapon, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, etc.)

Criminal Charges

Student participants in interscholastic and extra curricular activities are expected to conduct themselves so as not to discredit themselves, their team or activity, or their school. If a student is charged with a crime, he or she may, in the sound judgment of the superintendent, be suspended from participation in the activity until the case is adjudicated. A student convicted of a crime will be suspended from participation in interscholastic and extra curricular activities for at least 12 months following the conviction. At the end of the 12 month

period, the student will meet with the superintendent and other appropriate administrators; and the superintendent will make a determination as to whether the student will be reinstated to participate in any interscholastic and extracurricular activities.

The superintendent shall have the authority to modify these requirements when, in the sound judgment of the superintendent, they would clearly constitute an injustice to the student based on the particular circumstances of the case.

General

Students are eligible to participate in the extra curricular/interscholastic activity as long as they are not absent the day of the game or the activity that has been scheduled. They may with permission, however, be absent for portion of a day for a doctor's appointment, dentist appointment, funeral or family emergency. A written note provided by the parents and confirmed by the athletic director and the coach (or the principal or the advisor) will be the final determination as to whether or not a student may participate in a scheduled activity.